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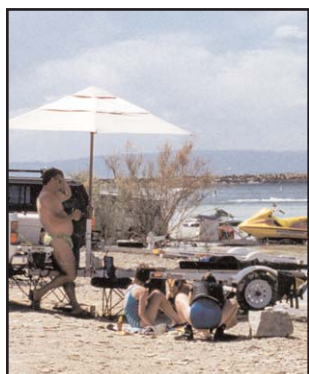
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### Feature



Post holds numerous changes of command  
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### Happenings



Water sports, camping and swimming facilities are less than an hour away at Lake Pueblo State Park.

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### Kit Carson Week Canceled

Because of severe budget shortages, Fort Carson has canceled the annual Kit Carson Community Festival.

The Directorate of Community Activities will provide special events throughout the summer.

Post Weather hotline:  
**526-0096**



Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen

## Fire protection ...

**Dan Olson, an emergency medical technician and fire fighter with the Fort Carson fire department, works to build a fire line around a house north of Woodland Park. The fire fighters are supporting the fire fighting effort by preparing areas in case the Hayman fire shifts.**

## Construction update

The Roy Anderson Corp., from Gulfport, Miss., was awarded the contract for construction on a new barracks complex on Fort Carson, which will be virtually identical in appearance to the Provider Barracks occupied by soldiers of the 43rd Area Support Group.

Construction has commenced at Roosevelt field, south of Nelson Boulevard and west of Barkeley Avenue. Construction at is expected to last about three years.

Because of numerous hazards associated with construction, soldiers are asked to refrain from entering the construction site.

The site boundaries will soon be defined by orange construction fencing and silt fences.

Any questions regarding construction of the new complex can be directed to Pete Sturdivant, project engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Carson Resident Office at 526-5906.

## Guard soldiers help fight Colorado blaze

by 1st Lt. Holly Peterson  
Army News Service

Members of the Colorado Army National Guard's 220th Military Police Company and 143rd Signal Company directed traffic, assisted firefighting efforts and provided security and access control in the town of Glenwood Springs June 11.

These soldiers were pulled from weekend training to state active duty to provide support to the Garfield County Sheriff's Office at what is now named the Coal Seam Fire.

The 220th MPs were training at Fort Carson when the deployment phone call came early June 9. Capt. Bren Dee Rogers, company commander, and her troops immediately packed and returned to Denver to prepare for their next assignment.

The dual mission of National Guard soldiers calls for service to both the state and nation. These soldiers transitioned from training for their federal mission to supporting the state via the protection of lives and property in just a few hours, officials said. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens authorized the use of Colorado National Guard personnel to support local civilian authorities.

Soldiers in the unit did not return to their civilian jobs as they normally would following a drill weekend. In fact, what they received was a letter to fax to their employers to let them know their employees were on wildfire-support duty.

"My employer was pretty cool," said Spc. Charles Monroe, an MP. "(He) said, 'Just call when you come back.'" Monroe is a federal security officer in his civilian job.

Support from a soldier's employer is a vital part of the National Guard mission, officials said. These soldiers couldn't tell their employers how long they would be gone. The duration of the mission is unknown, which is what the soldiers also told their families.

"My wife supports my efforts here but my kids are wondering what Daddy is doing," said Spc. Paul Trevino, another MP.

In this case, the children did not have to wonder long.

Rogers received another call June 11 authorizing her to release the soldiers from active duty.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Yocum

## Eye on the target ...

**A replica of a Soviet SU-25 ground attack aircraft launches from a pneumatic air launcher system run by employees of Continental RPVs, a Department of Defense contractor which provides targets for Air Defense Artillery systems in the U.S. military. The target was used during Stinger Missile training June 12 and 13 on Fort Carson ranges. For more on the Stinger training exercise, see Page 6.**



# A soldier is a soldier — attitudes of 1812 must change

by Sgt. Don Dees  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “Weekend Warriors!” “Nasty Guard!” “Darn Reservists!” It’s all been said. Guard and Reserve troops have traditionally been viewed as inferior to regular Army soldiers. When British Maj. Gen. Phineas Riall faced troops from the 6th Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812, he thought he would be facing militia members from Buffalo, N.Y. Instead he encountered soldiers who marched bravely through his artillery fires. Seeing their professionalism, Riall exclaimed, “Those are Regulars, by God!” Riall expected to encounter what today we would call reservists, and instead, he had to fight against soldiers from America’s standing Army.

Riall’s prejudice nearly mirrors attitudes that still exist in some places regarding the Guard and Reserve. Some active-duty soldiers believe reservists just don’t maintain the same standards.

Army Regulation 670-1 governs the wear and appearance of the Army uniform. The regulation does not say active-duty forces must wear it one way and reservists another. There is no provision for alternate uniforms for each component.

When it comes to drill and ceremony, Field Manual 22-5 does not differentiate between components regarding how to march.

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command regulates training for all soldiers, regardless of component. Basic trainees undergo the same rigorous indoctrination into Army life, regardless of component. New recruits also must undertake training for their specific job in the Army. TRADOC regulates this advanced individual training for all components.

Reserve-component units must validate their capabilities upon mobilization, just as active units do through exercise evaluations and rotations through Army maneuver training centers.

Senior Army leadership promotes the notion of, “one team, one fight.” Comparable training requirements ensure this can be a reality.

Winston Churchill had it right when he said, “The reservist is twice the citizen.” Guardsmen and reservists live and work in their communities and serve their nation when duty calls.

Some active-component soldiers assume that with only two training days a month available, reservists cannot achieve the same level of proficiency.

This assumption ignores the fact that many reservists hold the same or similar vocation in private life.

The Army relies on reservists to carry out its mission. The U.S. Army Reserve Command manages 500 units as part of the Army’s Force Support Package, according to the command’s mission state-

ment. These units would be activated immediately to provide combat support and combat service support capabilities in time of full mobilization.

Today, half the U.S. Army’s combat power exists in the National Guard. National Guard units have been a part of the peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans since shortly after the 1995 Dayton Peace Accord was signed. In the last rotation, force protection at one cluster of base camps south of Tuzla, Bosnia, was the responsibility of a Georgia National Guard unit.

During Desert Storm, 13 reservists were killed and 43 were wounded Feb. 25, 1991, when a SCUD missile hit the building where the 14th Quartermaster Detachment was staying. That Reserve unit sustained the most casualties of any allied unit during the Gulf War.

Leaders at every level today must promote tolerance and acceptance of their reservist counterparts.

When soldiers face an enemy today, they will not be able to make the distinction that Riall did in the War of 1812. Reserve and Guard soldiers serve and die alongside “regulars.”

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## Honorary member ...

Retired Brig. Gen. Richard G. Cardillo, the 58th commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, inducts Col. Anthony W. Harriman, the 69th 3rd ACR commander, into the honorary squadron of 3rd ACR. It is a tradition in 3rd ACR to induct officers and noncommissioned officers of good standing into the honorary squadron, making them cavalymen for life. The induction into the elite group came as a surprise to Harriman, who was under the impression he was leading the ceremony to induct Cardillo into the honorary squadron.

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# News

## Carson, Springs mandatory water restrictions in effect

### **Courtesy the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management**

The Colorado Springs City Council declared a Stage II Water Shortage June 11, as printed in last week's *Mountaineer*, because storage levels in local reservoirs are very low.

Both voluntary and mandatory measures will be implemented to reduce water use by at least 20 percent.

In response, Fort Carson implemented the following requirements to comply with Colorado Spring's Water Shortage Ordinance. If Fort Carson does its part to reduce water use by at least 20 percent, the post may be able to avoid the much more drastic Stage III Water Shortage, which would ban outdoor watering, new taps, and vehicle washing.

The following mandatory measures have been implemented:

- Water lawn/landscapes only on designated watering days between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. Less wind and heat allow for greater water penetration, less evaporation and more efficient use of irrigation water. Those with even building or house numbers may water only on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Those with odd building numbers may water only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Watering on Monday is not allowed. Grass develops a longer, more drought tolerant root system when watered less often. Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely

clipped lawn. Housing residents are not authorized to water areas that have automated sprinkler systems.

- When watering turf grass, sodded or landscaped areas, do not allow water to pool or flow onto the pavement or into gutters/storm sewers. Get sprinkler system breaks and leaks repaired immediately. Report sprinkler system problems by calling 579-1605 for housing sprinkler systems and 526-5345 for non-housing sprinkler systems.

- Those planning new landscaping, grass seed or sod must obtain an irrigation permit or approved work request from the Directorate of Public Works, building 305, room 124, 526-1695. DPW will only issue a permit or approve a work request when the landscaped area or plan complies with Fort Carson's Xeriscape policy. Fort Carson's Xeriscape policy requires that new plant materials be labeled as drought tolerant for this area and that irrigated turf grass areas be less than 50 percent of the landscape.

- Wash your motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other equipment only on designated watering days and only with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle or with a bucket. Those with even numbered buildings or houses may wash their vehicles on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Those with odd numbered buildings may wash their vehicles only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Fund raising car washes are prohibited. Vehicles may be washed at a commercial car wash at any time.

- There shall be no hose washing of sidewalks,

walkways, patios, driveways, parking areas or other impervious surfaces, except to eliminate conditions that pose a threat to public health or safety or when required as surface preparation for the application of architectural coatings or painting.

- The use of all public and private water features is prohibited except those using re-circulating water. Limit the use of recirculating water in all public and private water features to no more than 12 hours per day.

- Hydrant use is limited to essential purposes, including but not limited to, dust mitigation and supplying water to construction sites where water service is unavailable. Hydrant permits must be obtained from the Directorate of Public Works, building 305, Room 124, 526-1695. A positive shut-off valve will be used as a condition of receiving a hydrant permit.

- No restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria or other public place where food is served will serve drinking water unless the customer specifically requests it.

Visit [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org) for water shortage updates, additional water conservation tips and Xeriscape landscape information.

Colorado Springs residents may be fined for violating the ordinance. Some other communities around Fort Carson, such as the city of Fountain, strongly encourage voluntary conservation measures, but more stringent measures may be in effect or enacted in the future by your particular water service provider.

You are encouraged to stay apprised of the water situation through your provider and local media.

# Green Berets teach national-level command and control

by Tech. Sgt. Dean J. Miller  
Georgia Train and Equip Public  
Affairs

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE 102, Tbilisi, Georgia** — Classroom study of American joint military doctrine is rarely considered exciting subject matter. However, staff training for senior Georgian military officers in this former-Soviet state continues with high-interest this week following a course taught by American Special Forces soldiers on the role of the National Military Command Center.

Long-established within U.S. military forces, the American command center brings national leadership from all branches of the armed forces and other government agencies together to present options in times of crisis to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the president. Located in the Pentagon, the U.S. facility is equipped with the communications capability to receive information and deliver messages to subordinate organizations as decisions are made.

In keeping with Soviet-style doctrine, Georgian government ministries and agencies within the ministry of defense haven't traditionally communicated or coordinated their actions with each other at the national level. However, following recent staff training and practical exercises taught by U.S. Special Forces, the concept and applica-

tion of military and non-military organizations working together at the national level is quickly taking hold among senior Georgian military officers.

"The NMCC is a new concept for us because we have done things differently," said Col. Levan Nikoleishvili, Georgian MOD Chief of Operations. "We realize that an NMCC within the Ministry of Defense, in times of crisis and peace, will be an excellent place to gather and share information quickly.

"With this information, you have an accurate picture of what is happening and it becomes easier to develop a response plan. It should also be obvious, based on the situation, which organization should lead the response actions," said Nikoleishvili, a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

American Special Forces of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from Fort Carson, Colo., are here conducting the Georgia Train and Equip mission. The mission provides Georgian military leaders the latest American staff training, similar to that taught to U.S. officers at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. At the completion of staff training in August, the Green Berets will provide U.S. infantry-style tactical field training to selected Georgian forces.

The enthusiasm generated during

instruction of the NMCC course was well received by Special Forces instructors.

According to Gilpin, a veteran instructor of formal classes at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, N.C., the Georgian officers take extensive notes, copy every word from instructional slides, ask meaningful questions and request copies of all available training materials.

"We are teaching them to bring together military, internal security forces, and in some cases, specialists from nongovernmental organizations," said Gilpin.

"They understand that working together at this level will make a stronger, more efficient Georgia."

As the class concluded, Special Forces instructors announced that construction of an American-designed and funded Georgian NMCC started that same day. The NMCC class taught to the Georgian officers has a timely and practical application to it: these officers may be the first to solve future crises in the new command center.

The Georgians are planning to staff the NMCC with watch officers from key agencies. In classroom exercises, senior Georgian officers created an incident report document with key questions that should be answered and shared with

other government agencies throughout any crisis. This document, or one similar to it, will become a standard part of future NMCC operations. The idea that different ministries would work with the same document, gather and then share the same information is revolutionary here.

"The Train and Equip program represents action to us. It's one thing when you are sick and a friend calls you on the phone and says they hope you feel better," said Nikoleishvili. "It's another thing when that friend brings you medicine. Georgia Train and Equip is medicine for us. The medicine is not sweet, but we know it is important for us and you have shown us how to use it to get better."

The new Georgian command center, a mini-version of its American counterpart, will become a visual application of lessons learned in the classroom. The estimated \$350,000 command center is to be equipped with the latest computers, electronic briefing systems and high frequency communications gear. The cost includes a contract to train Georgian soldiers to operate and maintain the new communications equipment.

"The Georgian Command Center will soon be as critical to this nation in times of crisis as ours is to America," said Gilpin.



# Military

## 7th ID soldiers set up tactical ops center in Razorback Country

by Maj. Russ Goemaere  
Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Often the Army goes many places in pursuit of its mission to train for war. This week the 7th Infantry Division Headquarters is in Fort Chaffee, Ark., training the 39th Separate Infantry Brigade (enhanced) in its pursuit of validation, to conduct a future annual training event at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. It is a task that the soldiers of 7th Infantry Division take very seriously.

The 7th Infantry Division has deployed its Division Tactical Operations Center and numerous skilled personnel to Arkansas to accomplish its mentoring mission.

Deploying and setting up the DTOC could be a daunting task if not for the trained and ready leadership of the division operations shop.

Sgt. 1st Class David Hathaway, operations non-commissioned officer-in-charge, was the boss of

the DTOC setup. The DTOC consists of two mobile expandable control centers, eight command post tents, two 40 kilowatt generators and 14 camouflage nets sewn together to cover the entire setup. The DTOC has full wireless Internet as well as satellite television access, he said. In sum, the DTOC is a state-of-the-art control center that can be moved fairly quickly and easily with the right assets, Hathaway said.

Sgt. Brenda Manka, intelligence section, 7th ID., said she wants to get more tactical training on this rotation. "I need to work on battle tracking," she said. At the start of the operation, Manka said she had an unclear vision of what will go on this rotation, but after listening to the Division Orders brief she felt well grounded in what the 7th ID DTOC and the National Guard will be expected to do.

The DTOC and command and control personnel will remain in Arkansas for the duration of the 39th training exercise.



Photo by Maj. Russ Goemaere

**Soldiers of 7th Infantry Division spread out the huge camouflage netting system that will cover the 2,400 square-foot Tactical Operation Center.**

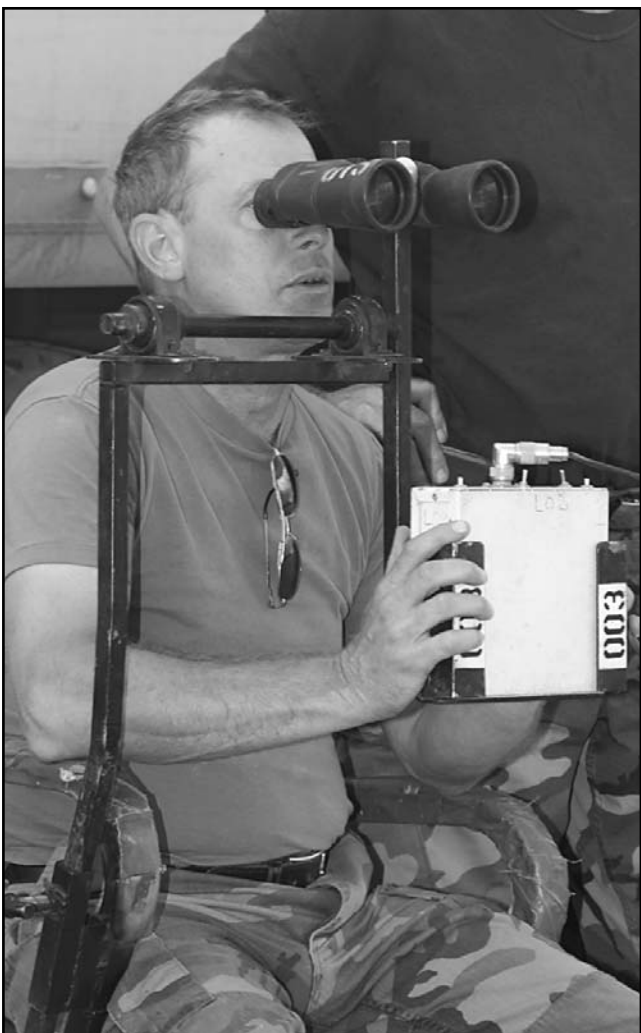




Photos by Sgt. 1st Class James Yocum

A Stinger crew from 2nd Battalion, 200th Air Defense Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, fires a missile during training June 13 on Fort Carson.

## Patrolling the skies: ADA soldiers train up on Stingers



Dan Spinks, a civilian contractor with Continental RPVs, uses a custom-made binocular-mounted chair to track and direct the movements of one of the SU-25 replica planes.



A stinger connects with a target.

by Sgt. 1st Class James Yocum  
Fort Carson Public Affairs  
Office

For a couple of days this month, nobody would have wanted to fly the skies of Fort Carson. At least not June 12 and 13, while hundreds of Air Defense Artillery soldiers were practicing their unique skills of clearing the skies of anything bigger than a bird.

Active duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers all took part in a training event that pitted the skills of Stinger missile crews against the abilities of remote-control pilots from the Department of Defense contractor Continental RPVs. The civilian contractors flew custom-made, remote-controlled aircraft in circles above the training area near Camp Red Devil.

Though the planes and missiles were located at Range 149, half the ranges on the southern

part of the installation were closed for the training. When missiles with a range of more than four kilometers, and aerial targets with a range of 5 kilometers and speeds over 100 miles per hour, a lot of room is needed, according to Capt. Benjamin Ogden, commander of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

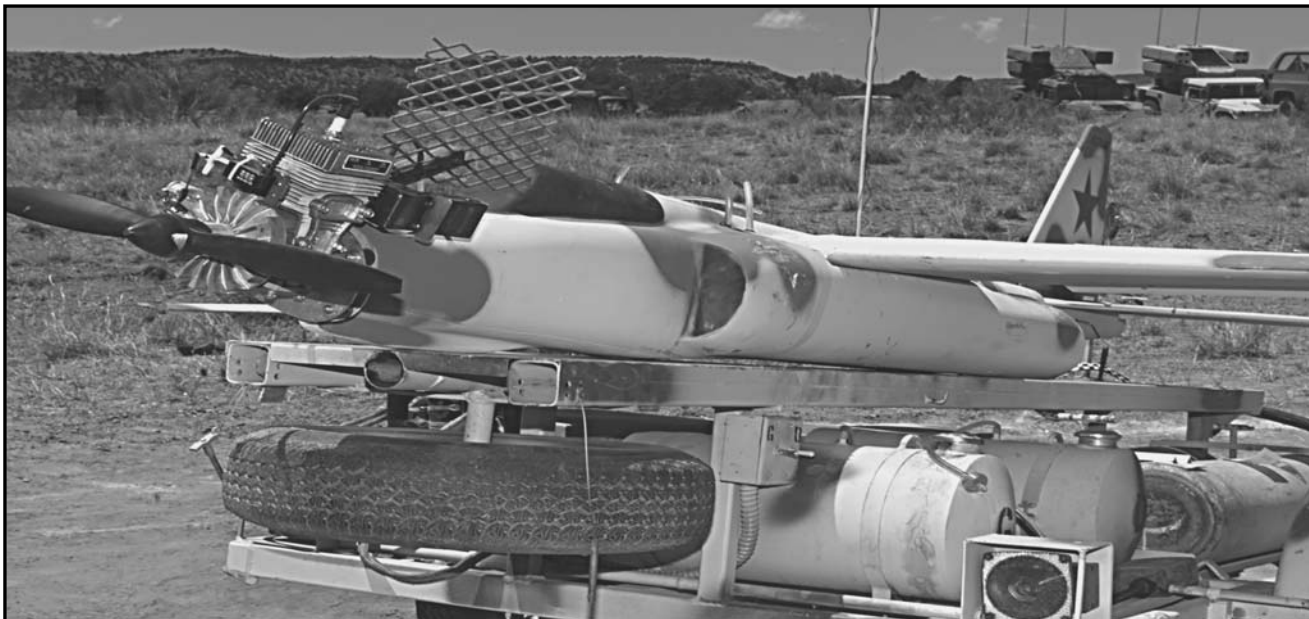
Because so much training area is needed, firing of the missiles is only possible once every year, and with the fire danger involved in this year's drought, many of the Stinger crews weren't able to fire, including all of Ogden's battery. Most of the firing that was able to take place came from the soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 200th Air Defense Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, who took to the ranges June 12.

Ogden said the fire danger was so high on June 13, the second day of firing, and the wind conditions so high, that the ongoing risk assessments led to a decision to shut the range down.

The few fires that did break out from the training were put out quickly, but the danger of a large fire grew as winds picked up in the late morning, and the risk was too high to continue training.

No dates have been set for rescheduling training for the crews that were unable to fire, because it takes a lot of the installation resources to perform this type of training.

"The training is very difficult to schedule, as it shuts down every range in the South Fort Carson training area, to include the airspace," Ogden said. "There were about four changes to the dates before this one was settled on."



The targets for the Stinger missiles are made of fiberglass, foam and plywood. Continental RPVs makes 70 targets each month and transports them all over the world for training with air defense artillery units.



# Oklahoma soldiers of 45th Infantry working hard at JRTC

by Staff Sgt. Gary Qualls  
14th Public Affairs Detachment

**FORT POLK, La.** — Many years of preparation culminated in early June as the 45th Separate Infantry Brigade (enhanced) began undergoing evaluation in the field at the Joint Readiness Training Center here.

This is one of the largest deployments since the Korean War for the Oklahoma Army National Guard's enhanced infantry brigade.

This is the first time that one of the 7th Infantry Division's three brigades is being evaluated at a national training center since the Army's integration of active duty and National Guard and Reserve troops, said Maj. Robert J. Finigan, logistics officer for the brigade, said. A good showing at the prestigious training center would vault the Oklahoma National Guard unit to one of the elite units in the new integrated Army.

"The exercise is drawing national attention due to its sheer magnitude. More than 6,500 servicemembers from 19 states are participating in the exercise. More than 4,000 from the brigade, are participating in the exercise," Finigan said. "Nearly 1,000 pieces of equipment are being shipped, mostly on barges, for the exercise," he added. About 77 barges are being used to trans-

port vehicles and equipment from Oklahoma and Illinois to the Joint Readiness Training Center, making it the largest military movement handled by Canal Barge Company, Inc. in its 20-year history.

In addition, the 45th has been waiting for this moment for eight years and training in earnest for it for four years, noted Maj. Monty L. Brodt, brigade training officer.

"It's been a long, hard road," he said.

The preparation began with brigade staff training and then integrated training with active duty units and, last year, a rehearsal for the JRTC evaluation at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Much of this training was held in rugged environments against challenging opposition forces, Brodt said.

After several years of arduous training, is the National Guard unit ready to face light infantry's biggest "warrior separator" this side of war? "I'm pretty confident my infantrymen will give a good accounting of themselves," Brodt said.

The brigade expects an array of challenges throughout the evaluation, including a reckless, freestyle attack by opposition force 1st Infantry Battalion, 509th Regiment.

"They'll run out of the woods and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gary Qualls

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steal vehicles and steal food," said Spc. Andrew Krout, a heavy anti-armor crewmember in Company D, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry. He has been in the JRTC rotation before as a member of the opposition force. "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong," he said.

Challenges the brigade will face, Brodt said, are formidable and include coordinating a large conglomerate of battle assets and operating in a hot, humid jungle environment. Also the unit is not quite as proficient in defensive

operations as it is in the attack mode.

However, the 45th brigade, whose symbol is a thunderbird, does have some pluses on the ledger. The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Troop I ("Iron Hawk Troop"), 3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR, will be on the battleground, providing heavy armor support with M1A2 tanks. Aiding them from the air will be 4th Squadron, 3rd ACR's Troop P aviators in OH-58 Deltas. In addition, 7th

# Greenback

## Questions about Thrift Savings Plan for civilians answered



Ketz

by Capt. Ho Jang  
4th Finance Battalion

The finance battalion has received inquiries concerning the Thrift Savings Plan for federal civilians. This article will hopefully answer many of the basic questions and will be followed by part two next week.

### What is the Thrift Savings Plan?

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees. Congress established the TSP in the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986. The purpose of the TSP is to provide retirement income. The TSP offers federal employees the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under so-called "401(k)" plans. TSP regulations are published in title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1600-1699, and are periodically supplemented and amended in the Federal Register. (On Oct. 30, 2000, the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act was signed, which extends participation in the TSP to members of the uniformed services. More information concerning the TSP for members of the uniformed services can be found in the summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services.)

In the civilian component of the TSP, employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System and the Civil Service Retirement System can contribute to the TSP. The participation rules are different for FERS and CSRS employees.

The TSP is a defined contribution plan. The retirement income you receive from your TSP account will depend on how much you (and your

agency, if you are a FERS employee) have contributed to your account during your working years and the earnings on those contributions.

The contributions you make to your TSP account are voluntary and are separate from your contributions to your FERS Basic Annuity or CSRS annuity.

### How does the TSP differ from the FERS Basic Annuity and the CSRS annuity?

In contrast to the TSP, the FERS Basic Annuity and the CSRS annuity are defined benefit programs. This means that the benefits you receive from your FERS or CSRS annuity are based on your years of service and your salary, rather than on the amount of your contributions and earnings. Most contributions to these annuity programs are made by your agency on your behalf. Your contributions are mandatory and the amount you contribute is defined by law. Your contributions are made by payroll deductions that your agency takes automatically from your paycheck. The FERS basic annuity and the CSRS annuity are administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

On the other hand, your TSP contributions are voluntary, and in an amount you choose. Your TSP benefits are in addition to your FERS or CSRS annuity. If you are a FERS employee, the TSP is an integral part of your retirement package, along with your FERS Basic Annuity and Social Security. If you are a CSRS employee, the TSP is a supplement to your CSRS annuity.

### What are the major features of the TSP?

FERS participants — You can contribute up to 12 percent of your basic pay each pay period to your TSP account as soon as you become a Federal employee. Then, once you are eligible, you receive the following important benefits:

- Agency Automatic (1 percent) Contributions

- Agency Matching Contributions

- Immediate vesting in Agency Matching

Contributions and vesting — generally in three years — in Agency Automatic (1 percent) Contributions

- CSRS participants can contribute up to 7 percent of your basic pay each pay period to your TSP account. You do not receive any agency contributions.

All participants — The TSP offers the following:

- Immediate employee contributions
- Before-tax savings and tax-deferred investment earnings
  - Low administrative and investment expenses
  - Rollovers from qualified retirement plans
  - A choice of five investment funds:
    - Government Securities Investment (G) Fund
    - Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund
    - Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund
    - Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund
    - International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund
  - Interfund transfers
  - Loans from your own contributions and attributable earnings while you are in federal service
  - In-service withdrawals for financial hardship or after you reach age 59 and one-half
  - Portable benefits and a choice of withdrawal options after you separate from federal service
  - Protection of spouses' rights for loans and withdrawals
  - A Web site with general account information, capability for requesting interfund transfers and contribution allocations, up-to-date TSP materials and information, and calculators to estimate account growth and annuity amounts
  - An automated telephone service (the ThriftLine) for account information and certain transactions at (504) 255-8777.



# Dining Schedule

## Weekday Dining Facilities

### A La Carte Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)  
3rd ACR CAV House building 2461)  
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

### Standard Facilities

10th Special Forces Group (A) (building 7481)

### Weekday Meal Hours

<b>Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

## **Week of June 22 to 28**

### **Exceptions**

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- Cheyenne Mountain Inn breakfast hours are 7 to 9 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same Monday through Friday. It serves no dinner meal on Fridays.
- CAV House Dining Facility is closed June 22 and 23.

## Saturday, Sunday and Training

### Holiday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd BCT Iron Building (building 2061)

## Saturday, Sunday and Training

### Holiday Meal Hours

Brunch	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Supper	3 to 5 p.m.

*Family members are cordially invited to dine in the Fort Carson dining facilities.*

*Fort Meade makes 4 ...*

## Post housing undergoing privatization

by **Jonathan Williamson**  
**Army News Service**

**WASHINGTON** — The Army's Residential Communities Initiative program recently broke more ground.

Fort Meade, Md., became the fourth post to undergo RCI groundbreaking in a ceremony June 14.

The first three sites to undergo groundbreaking were Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort Hood, Texas.

The Army's fifth RCI project will take place at Fort Bragg, N.C. RCI will begin at Fort Bragg in the spring of 2003, upon the acceptance of Community Development and Management Plan by the Army, and review by Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

This is a result of inadequate facilities that were designed and installed in the 1950s and 60s, said Rhonda Hayes, RCI program manager.

"The post has none of the modern amenities you see outside the gate," Hayes said.

RCI differs from the way the Army has built and maintained housing in the past in that it provides "world-class" firms the opportunity to bid on a project and after extensive research and cooperation with the Department of the Army, design the type of community the Army and its development partner deem best, said Don Spigelmyer, RCI deputy director.

The process begins with a number of firms, usually in the high teens, bidding on a contract. Once a firm is selected, it works closely with the installation and headquarters to create a 50-year development, maintenance and financial plan. In addition, it coordinates with key

stakeholders on the post and at headquarters. Together, they do research that ranges from focus groups with families and soldiers, to economic studies of the area, Spigelmyer said.

The Meade project will replace 2,350 homes and renovate 260. The renovations and rebuilding will protect natural resources and meet environmental stewardship responsibilities while improving the appearance and functions of the residential community, according to officials.

The project will also build 308 new houses. The new facilities will be four-bedroom houses and townhouses, which the community does not have, according to Hayes.

Meade construction will begin immediately and be completed by 2008, said Spigelmyer.

RCI also makes the firm responsible for maintenance in post housing. The contracts require the contractor to continue to renovate and maintain the housing, as needed, over a 50-year period, said Spigelmyer.

Eventually the Army hopes to have privatized family housing at 28 installations, according to Karen Baker, Army spokesperson.

In most cases, the firms that obtain the contracts will hire a majority of local businesses to provide services to build and maintain the houses.

"They (the firms) hire local and small businesses and approximately 70 percent of work goes through these businesses," Spigelmyer said.

RCI and the privatization of Army housing is being completed for a variety of reasons; a major reason being that housing is not a core function of the Army. RCI will allow soldiers to concentrate on their mission, according to Baker.

## Oklahoma

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Infantry Division has immeasurably contributed to the 45th Brigade's preparation, will be providing "long-haul communication capability" with single channel tactical satellite radios, Brodt said.

Numerous other National Guard units from Illinois, Kansas, Washington, D.C., Oregon, Iowa and several other states are contributing to the Thunderbird Brigade's efforts with equipment and personnel.

All of this support, along with a capability to attack that the brigade prides itself in, has Brodt feeling good. And there's one final factor that's tilting decidedly in the Thunderbird Brigade's way — the motivation of the unit's soldiers, he said.

"This is definitely more than just another training exercise," said Spc. Josh Perkins, a heavy anti-armor crewmember in Company D, 179th Infantry Battalion. "This will show us where our strength's at, really let us know where we stand."

Despite such reverence for the 1st Inf. Bn., 509th Regiment, whose symbol is Indian Chief Geronimo, and the rigors of JRTC, a steely-eyed Brodt and his Oklahoman citizen-soldiers are determined to make the best of their shot to step up among the elite of ready warriors.

"Let's go meet Geronimo and show him what Thunderbird can do," Brodt said.



# Military Briefs

**Effective immediately, all organizations** will use the United States Postal Service standardized addresses with ZIP plus four assignments. Use is mandatory for both return and delivery addresses. New building signs with new street addresses will be constructed in the future. Please note that not all street addresses will match building numbers. Additionally, change of addresses will not delay your mail service. The following is an example of the format for an official mail return address.

Department of the Army  
Directorate of Public Works  
ATTN: Housing Division  
5050 Tevis St. Bldg 305  
Fort Carson, CO. 80913-4001

**Soldiers and civilians are reminded** that the former landfill site located south of O'Connell Boulevard between the U.S. Army Reserve Center Equipment concentration Site number 42 and the Military Police K-9 Kennels, building 8998, is off limits to pedestrian and vehicle traffic. For more information call 526-8001.

**Effective immediately, soldiers who are scheduled to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection training** will not have orders deleted, deferred or be otherwise prevented from attending the scheduled training. Any requests for exception to this requirement must be endorsed by the first general officer in the soldier's chain of command. Soldiers who volunteer for SFAS prior to receipt of assignment notification will be deferred to allow for SFAS attendance. Assignment of SFAS graduates to the Special Forces Qualification Course will take precedence over any assignment conflict. For information, call (703) 325-2450.

**The Army is looking for soldiers to serve on attache duty.** The U.S. Army Attache Management Division is seeking active duty enlisted soldiers in the grades of E-4(P) to E-8 to serve in the Defense Attache System as operations noncommissioned officers. Operations NCOs serve as soldier-diplomats at Defense Attache Offices located in U.S. embassies in more than 100 countries worldwide.

NCOs considering an attache assignment must be on active duty, qualify for a top secret security clearance, have a GT score of 115 or higher, a CL score of 120 or higher, type 40 words a minute and possess at least some computer skills. Soldiers must also score 100 or higher on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery. All family members must be U.S. citizens and meet medical standards for the country of assignment. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Williams at (301) 677-2134 Ext. 2633, DSN 622-2134, Ext. 2633, or via e-mail at [jeff.williams@us.army.mil](mailto:jeff.williams@us.army.mil).

**The next Records Management Class** will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 1550, classroom A. The course will include handouts and a film on the Privacy Act, the Modern Army Recordkeeping System and the Army Correspondence and Forms Management.

For more information, contact Duane Gregorich at 526-2107.

## Hours of Operation

**The 3rd Cavalry Museum will be open** to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays until further notice. The museum will be closed Mondays and federal holidays, except

Memorial and Veterans Days. Group tours and individual visits from civilians without a valid government identification card can be arranged by contacting the museum, 526-1404 or 526-2028, within 24 hours of the planned visit. The museum staff apologizes for any inconveniences the schedule may create.

**The Information, Tickets and Registration office has moved** — ITR is now located in the Outdoor Recreation Complex, building 2429 on Specker Avenue. The staffs of the ITR Office and the ORC Information Desk are being combined in an effort to better serve customers. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 526-2083 or 526-5366.

**For official travel services,** Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 576-5262 for issuance of an E-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two copies of your orders. If you were issued an E-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation are:**  
*Regular business hours:* Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
*Initial Issue/Partial Issue/DX:* Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
*Partial Turn-Ins:* Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. *All Full Turn-Ins* require an appointment. Please call 524-2006 or 526-2729 to schedule an appointment. For questions, call Stacey Sly at 526-5512.

**Provost Marshal Office will no longer be in- or out-processing soldiers from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** due to the low number of soldiers serviced during that time. Normal operation hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Soldiers requiring any type of emergency clearing will continue to be assisted during that time. For information, call Staff Sgt. Alfred C. Kirk at 526-8289.

## Briefings

**ETS/Transition briefing schedule** — In order for soldiers to receive their ETS orders, the soldier must attend an ETS briefing. Soldiers may sign in at 7:15 a.m. and the briefing begins at 7:30 a.m. in building 1118, room 317. The briefings are scheduled on the following dates: June 19. More dates to follow as the date for those briefings nears. For more information, call the Transition Center at 526-2240/4298.

**Pest control training** — Pest Management Regulation, AR 200-5, requires only certified applicators apply pesticides on military installations. The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has a program that provides military personnel the necessary training and herbicide. Each unit is allowed a maximum of five people for training unless approved through the unit commander to DECAM. Training sessions are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. at building 3711 until all units have received the training.

**The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

The following are dates for upcoming briefings: Wednesday, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

## Miscellaneous

**Company H, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group** invites all former members to a reunion Sept. 14 through 15 in Denver.

Those interested should contact [cohthbn@aol.com](mailto:cohthbn@aol.com) or Co. H/5th Bn. Reunion, P.O. Box 31512, Aurora, CO 80012.

**Change of command** — The 43rd Area Support Group will hold a change of command Monday, 10 a.m. at Pershing Field. Col. Sharon Duffy will replace Col. Michael Ivy as commander.  
**Change of command** — The 3rd Armored

### Billets off-limits to visitors

Due to the current situation, there are to be no visitors — civilians or family members — in the billets until further notice from the commanding general, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Everette Coppock, Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division command sergeant major.

Cavalry Regiment will hold a change of command Tuesday, 10 a.m. at Pershing Field.

**Sponsors are needed for students** attending the Preparatory School at the Air Force Academy for the class of 2002-03. The USAFA Prep School is designed to prepare students for admission and success at the academy. If you are a sergeant 1st class and above, captain or above, GS-07 and above and would like to apply to sponsor one or more of these students, contact Maj. Nathaniel D. Christian at 333-7151 or at [nathaniel.christian@usafa.af.mil](mailto:nathaniel.christian@usafa.af.mil).

**Fort Carson has recently formed** the "Mountain Post Team Military Intelligence Corps Association Chapter." MICA was formed as a worldwide Military Intelligence professional organization to band together intelligence professionals in a forum to share ideas, experiences and to continually improve our profession. The Mountain Post Team chapter had elections of officers at the Wednesday meeting.

The intent of the chapter is to provide a common forum for our MI community to interact, concentrating on professional development forums, new systems developments, integrating the extended Mountain Post family to include 7th Infantry Division SIDE units and local intelligence professionals from the Colorado Springs area.

A quarterly seminar/luncheon will be open to all MI soldiers, retirees and association members. Additionally, each year, in concert with the G2/S2 conference, MICA will host a social and recognize soldiers, retirees and MI professionals with the Thomas Knowlton Award. Contact Lt. Col. Patrick Walsh at 524-1959 for more information.

**During the month of June,** the U.S. Army and Fort Carson will offer soldiers and civilian employees the opportunity to join the U.S. Savings Bond Payroll Savings Plan or increase the rate of their current savings.

The payroll savings plan is an excellent way to build a secure future by saving money regularly and automatically.

Information will be readily available for all soldiers through their Unit Personnel Action Centers and for all civilian employees at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center so that everyone can make an informed individual decision about whether or not to participate in the program. The funds raised by the bonds will contribute to the federal government's overall effort to fight the war on global terrorism.

**Free!** Ensure your infant, toddler or booster seat is installed correctly at our car seat checkpoint event July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center.

**The ammunition supply point, ammunition residue yard and ammunition inspection point** will be closed to all units for a mandatory 100 percent quarterly inventory June 17 to 21. All units must pre-plan their ammunition needs and coordinated with their appropriate ammunition managers prior to this closure. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Snelling at 526-2383.

**Fort Carson Child and Youth Services** is offering a Counselor in Training program for youth ages 12 to 18. This is a volunteer program. Youth will work with children ages birth to 10 years old at Child and Youth Services. The goal of the program is to train, educate and allow youths to interact with young children in the Child Development Centers and the School-age Summer Camp Program. This volunteer program gives hands on experience which allows the youths to develop appropriate practices when working with children. Youths will be required to attend the orientation and future trainings which will cover topics such as safety and health, etc.

Youths and parents will be required to attend the initial orientation Wednesday. For more information call 526-1100/1101.

**Editor's note:** The deadline for submitting "Briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.



Better  
Opportunities  
for  
Single  
Soldiers

**BOSS Executive Council** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center, building 1829. The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the second Thursday of each month at Christopher's from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 524-BOSS.

# Community

## Wildfire safety crucial during drought conditions

by Pat McCusker  
Directorate of Environmental  
Compliance and Management  
Agronomy

During summer months when there is little or no moisture, such as this year's extreme conditions, homes along the front range in forested areas have a high or extreme risk of fire on the outside of the house.

Homes may be at risk of a wildland fire damaging or destroying the building if they have the following features:

- Open wood deck or porch
- Natural wood siding
- Wood shingle roof
- Vegetation growing next to or near the outside of the house

There are several steps you can

take to lower the risk to your home from wildland fire:

- Replace wood shingles with noncombustible materials.
- Stack firewood uphill or on contour with the house, never against the building.
- Remove and reduce the vegetation around the building to produce less flammable surfaces.
- Keep the grass short, and only plant low growing shrubs next to the house.
- Prune lower branches of trees up to 10 feet. Do not have branches overhanging the house.
- Keep a defensible space around the building of at least 100 feet where only green, healthy plant material exists.

Other measures to reduce the risk of fire include:

- Do not dump burning or glowing embers from a fireplace or charcoal grill on the grass or dry leaves. Extinguish with water and stir. Make sure the embers are completely out before leaving. Currently, there is a fire ban throughout all of Colorado. No open burning or flame is allowed, to include charcoal grills.
- Clean out roof and rain gutters of leaves, needles and debris.
- Screen vents and attic openings.
- Close in decks, porches and crawl spaces.

For more information, contact the Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services at 526-4615 or the DECAM Wildland Fire Team at 526-1696.



Courtesy graphic

**Replacing wood shingles with noncombustible materials is one way to help lower your risk for a house fire.**

## Carson starts fire ban: charcoal use, open burning restricted

**Courtesy the Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services.**

Fort Carson Fire Chief Verne A. Witham has placed a ban on all charcoal use and open burning as of June 8 in the following areas: Iron Horse Park, Turkey Creek Ranch and Camp Falcon.

This ban prohibits the use of open burning

and the use of charcoal in these areas, but does not prohibit the use of propane gas type grills in these areas.

Signs have been made and placed at the entries of Iron Horse Park, Turkey Creek Ranch and Camp Falcon to notify users of this ban. The message is also announced on the electronic mar-

quees.

It is also suggested that Camp Falcon users have at least 25 gallons of water on hand since the area does not have any water on site.

All users are being notified in advance so they have the opportunity to comply with the ban.

For more information, call 526-4715.



# Community Events

## Fort Carson

**Claims against the estate of:** With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Bobby W. Crawford, deceased; anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Rowdy Inman at 526-8264.

**Claims against the estate of:** With deepest regrets to the family of Armond L. Pietrosanti, deceased; anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Brock G. Larson at 526-9102.

**Equal Employment Opportunity presents “The Secret of Adjusting to Workplace Change.”** Budget cuts, downsizing, even technology; they all have a great affect upon all of us. Ms. Bevans, author, speaker and highly innovative trainer, will discuss the real secret anyone can use to manage the sometimes chaotic, but always stressful, time of organizational change. Come find out what the secret is. This workshop is free.

The workshop is Tuesday at 1 p.m. To schedule seating please call early, because seating is limited.

For more information about this EEO class, contact the EEO at 526-4413.

**Colorado Reptile Rescue** will provide a three-hour course on how to handle house calls and other emergency situations involving reptile “pets” that can be, and have been, encountered in this area. Hands-on experience will be provided on how to recognize, safely catch and handle these reptiles in a variety of circumstances. For more information, directions and to register, call Jackie Harris at 748-3780.

**The American Red Cross** has many health and safety classes available including Guard Start, Adult, Child and Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Pet First Aid and CPR, and a free layette program. For more information about the classes, contact Theresa Piscal at 524-1279.

**The Preventive Medicine Careline has moved out of the hospital** — The careline is now located on the “belt” in building 2059.

**Tobacco Cessation** — In 1984, more Americans lost their lives to cigarettes than died in all of World War II. You work too hard and matter too much to too many people to let your life be adversely affected by cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Consider a tobacco-free life. If you feel like you’ve tried everything but are still using tobacco, you are not alone. Be encouraged. The more times a person attempts to quit the more likely he/she will successfully quit for good. The Mountain Post Wellness Center offers a four-week personalized and comprehensive program to assist you. The tobacco cessation program is open to all active duty, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians and is free of charge. For more information and to sign up, call the Mountain Post Wellness Center at 526-3887.

**The Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross**

**offers many training courses** throughout the Colorado Springs Community. Courses offered on military installations require a government ID card to enter the installation. For a list of current dates and times of classes being offered, call 526-2311. Registration can be done over the phone or in person at the main office, building 1526, in the Family Readiness Center.

**Evans Army Community Hospital** offers sports, camp and school physicals for students from kindergarten through college age starting now through September. These are only for families enrolled in TriCare Prime at Evans. To make an appointment call TriCare at 264-5000.

**Family Skate Night** is no longer be held at the Post Physical Fitness Center.

The skating rink has been relocated to Iron Horse Park, starting Saturday. For those who want to continue roller skating, the rink will be available day and evenings seven days a week at no charge. However, participants must furnish their own skates.

## Around town

**Reunion** — Former members of Company H, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) or 5th Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Colorado Army National Guard, are invited to a reunion during the weekend of Sept. 14 and 15 in the Denver area. If interested, send your information to [coh5then@aol.com](mailto:coh5then@aol.com) or mail it to Co. H/5th Bn. Reunion, PO Box 31512, Aurora, CO 80012 or call Lt. Col. Harry Owen at (303) 364-8461.

**Interested in volleyball?** — The Royal Neighbors of America and the United States Professional Volleyball League are pleased to announce that a volleyball day is coming to the U.S. Olympic Training Center July 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn from professional volleyball players during the event. For more information, call David McMullen at (888) 574-1136 or Naomi Copeland at (800) 627-4762 ext. 386.

**School District 11** Community Education is currently taking registrations for its summer program at the West Center for Intergenerational Learning.

Course offers include dance, art, showbiz, gardening, yoga, tai chi chui, managing rental property, young writers’ workshops tennis, drama, guitar, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and more. For a complete listing and more details, call 520-2384 or visit [www.cssd11.k12.co.us](http://www.cssd11.k12.co.us).

**Range 19 is open** every day of the week from sunrise to sunset. It is open to all active duty military, reserve, National Guard retired military personnel and family members 10 years old or older. Staff sergeants and retired military personnel who have a Range Control range safety card are allowed to sign the range out from Range Control in building 9550. All weapons must be registered on post. For more information contact Range Control at 526-5698.

**Intramural bowling and golf** teams are looking for representatives from the unit, battalion and brigade level. All representatives should attend meetings to discuss league competition, cost, awards

and dates of competitions. The intramural bowling meeting is today at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Al Gambala at 526-6630.

**Child Safety Seat Installation** — Ensure your infant, toddler or booster seat is installed correctly at the car seat checkpoint event. The checkpoint is being sponsored by USAA and Community Health Nursing July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center. Local checkpoints report a 90 percent misuse rate, so come and let the CHN advise you on proper installation and use of your child safety seat. For more information, call Community Health Nursing at 526-1824.

**Veterans Day parade** — A parade to honor ex prisoners of war and those missing in action will be held Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

The grand marshals of the parade will be Mario Manfredini, representing veterans of World War II, John Tagert, representing the Korean War, and John (Mike) McGrath, representing the Vietnam War. All three grand marshals are ex prisoners of war.

The theme will be “Honoring Ex Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.” However, all veterans are encouraged to participate and will be honored. For more information, contact Diana D. Ceciliani Executive Director Colorado Springs Veteran’s Day Parade, Inc. at 282-1648 or [vaparade@aol.com](mailto:vaparade@aol.com).

**Change to zip codes. Effective immediately, all organizations** will use the the U.S. Postal Service standardized addresses with Zip+4. Use is mandatory for both return and delivery addresses. New building signs with new street addresses will be constructed in the future as funds become available. Please note that not all street addresses will match building numbers. Additionally, change of addresses will not delay your mail service. The following is an example of the format for an official mail return address:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ATTN: HOUSING DIVISION  
5050 TEVIS ST BLDG 305  
FORT CARSON, CO 80913-4001

## Annual leave needed

Civilian employees who would like to donate annual leave under the “Voluntary Leave Transfer Program” to sick or injured employees can refer to Fort Carson Regulation 690-4.


Leave donation forms may be obtained from administrative/personnel sections. Completed forms should be forwarded to leave-approving officials for approval, then to the customer service representative at the Directorate of Resource Management.

Annual leave donors are needed for:

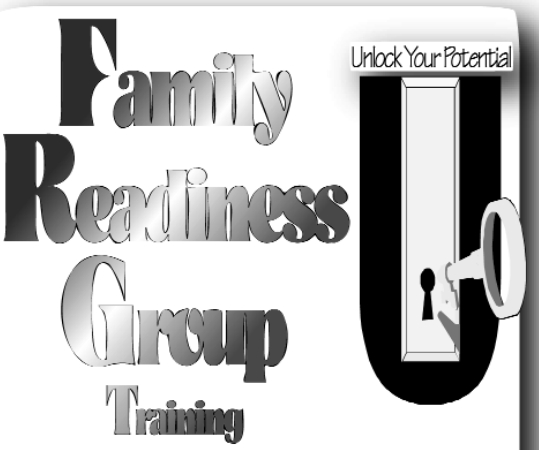
**Carolyn Harris and Candice Miller**, both employees of the Dental Activity, need annual leave donations to help cover absences due to the exhaustion of available paid leave.

For information about the above-listed DENTAC employees, contact Bonny Edwards, 526-2006 or 526-2877.

**J’Demetria Powell, Sharon Trigg, Betty Meek, Deeanne K. Lau, Zarene DeKraai, Tania M. Sloan, Maxine M. Featherston, Normita T. Reyes, Gilbert J. Russi, Ana L. Foschi, Robyn Trice-Thomas and Tracie S. Everett**, employees of the Medical Department Activity, need annual leave donations to help cover absences due to the exhaustion of available paid leave. For information about the above-listed MEDDAC employees, contact Ruben Espinoza, 526-7246.



**Army Community Service**  
**Family Readiness Center**  
**526-4590**



**Family Readiness Group Training**

*"How to Effectively Lead & Conduct a FRG"*

- How to Organize an FRG
- Fundraising: The Do's & Don'ts
- How to effectively lead
- Meets Requirements of 7th ID & FC Reg. 608-47

*Certificate awarded upon completion*

*Free child care available - Prior registration required*

Day	Evening
14 July - 8:30 a.m. to noon	11 July - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
14 Aug. - 8:30 a.m. to noon	8 Aug. - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
16 Sept. - 8:30 a.m. to noon	12 Sept. - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
10 Oct. - 8:30 a.m. to noon	10 Oct. - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Chaplain's Corner

Have a thankful attitude

# Be grateful, never take God's blessings for granted

**Commentary by Chap. (Capt.) Terry E. Romine  
2nd Battalion 10th Special Forces Group  
(Airborne)**

When we pray, most of the time we expect his answer to be "yes." We ask for health, recovery, strength, success, etc. Like a parent, God sometimes says no to our requests because yes would not be in our best interest. If we truly trust God, we can accept a "no" answer as what is best. It does build our faith.

In this article, I want to address the "yes" answer. I know that as a parent, I like to say "yes" to the requests of my daughter. If saying yes will not cause her harm, and I have the means to fulfill her requests, I like to say "yes." I always enjoy the delight in her eyes and the smile on her face. Her happiness means a great deal to me. Likewise, God wants to say yes to our requests.

On occasion, as children will sometimes do, my daughter would be happy about what I did for her, but her attitude lets me know that she did not really appreciate what I had done. She took me for granted. I did not appreciate that attitude. Those were the times when I would not be so willing or so quick to say yes to her requests. To continue to say "yes" while she displayed that type attitude would not be what would be best for her, at least in some cases. One of the reasons God does not say "yes" to some of our requests may be that our attitude says to him

that we really do not appreciate what he does for us. Psalms 107:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." We should never take the many blessings of God for granted. An unthankful attitude lets God know that granting us our requests may not be in our best interest at the time. "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." These words from an old hymn help us remember that God is indeed blessing us with many things, much of which is not need, but abundance of blessing. Let us have an attitude of thankfulness. That is more mature, don't you think?

Our happiness is important to God. What is even more important to God is our relationship with him. God desires to have a close, personal relationship with every one of his children. I am convinced that God wants to say "yes" to our requests and our desires. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Don't assume the attitude of "name it and claim it" either. Some things are just not in our best interest, regardless of our sincere attitude of thankfulness. A young child asking his parents to ride his bicycle on the highway would not get a favorable

response no matter how sincere and thankful the child may be. That is just too dangerous, as thrilling as it may be. Remember, God loves us enough to say "no" to foolish or harmful requests.

Sometimes our attitude may be that we have accomplished these things without the help of God, even though we have just prayed for that particular thing. Sometimes we wait until we are really in trouble to ask God for help as though we don't want to bother God with the "little things." God is never "bothered" with anything that concerns us. He is honored when we bring him the concerns of our life. He wants to be involved in every detail of our lives. Then he wants to be honored with acknowledgement of his involvement, his strength and his provision. We should live our lives as though God does everything. He should get the credit

for it all, for without him we would be nothing and have nothing.

God wants to grant the desires of your heart. Let's give him the credit and the honor for what is going on in our lives.

Psalm 37:3, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture."





**Chapel****Vacation Bible School a success**

Chap. John Bauer, Fort Carson Command Chaplain and the entire Chapel community want to thank everyone who made Bug Safari Vacation Bible School 2002 such a great success. Each one of our 90 volunteers is a special blessing from God. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment.

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**Youth of the Chapel**

Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School youth takes place each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Protestant High School activities include Bible studies on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

**Chapel Schedule****ROMAN CATHOLIC**

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Jim Sciegel/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769

**EASTERN ORTHODOX**

Sunday	8 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Olson/526-5772
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**PROTESTANT**

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Simmons/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Atkins/524-1822
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	6:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166

**LITURGICAL PROTESTANT**

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
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**JEWISH**

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

**WICCA**

2nd and 4th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Spiritual Fitness Center	Barkeley & Ellis	Ms. Costantino-Mead/ (303) 428-7703
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For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.

**Daily Bible readings:** In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

**Fri., June 21 - Psalms 19 & Ruth**

**Sat., June 22 - Psalms 20 & 1 Samuel 1-3**

**Sun., June 23 - Psalms 21 & 1 Samuel 4-6**

**Mon., June 24 - Psalms 22 & 1 Samuel 7-9**

**Tue., June 25 - Psalms 23 & 1 Samuel 10-12**

**Wed., June 26 - Psalms 24 & 1 Samuel 13-15**

**Thur., June 27 - Psalms 25 & 1 Samuel 16-18**

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following: **UNIT:** For the soldiers and leaders of the U.S. Army Reserve 90th Reserve Support Command, headquartered in North Little Rock, Ark. **ARMY:** For the men and women of the Army Nurse Corps. Pray for them in their mission of providing professional and compassionate care during peacetime and contingency operations. **STATE:** For the soldiers and families from the state of Arkansas. Pray also for Gov. Mike Huckabee, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Natural State. **NATION:** For the Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. Pray for the furtherance of quality education available to all children and youths. **RELIGIOUS:** For all soldiers and families from The Plymouth Brethren Church. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith. For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at [www.usarmychaplain.com](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).



# Changes of command add new faces to Fort Carson units



Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen  
Lt. Gen. B.B. Bell, III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, right, reviews the troops of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment with Col. Anthony Harriman, outgoing 3rd ACR commander, left, and Col. David Teeple, incoming 3rd ACR commander, behind, during the regiment's change of command ceremony Tuesday.

## 3rd ACR's new commander 70th colonel of regiment

by Spc. Jon Christoffersen  
Mountaineer Staff

Members of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and Mountain Post Team gathered Tuesday to welcome a new commander at Pershing Field.

The outgoing commander of the 3rd ACR, Col. Anthony Harriman, became the 69th colonel of the regiment in June 2000.

The incoming commander, Col. David Teeple, is returning to Fort Carson. Teeple is a former commander of 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Teeple expressed his excitement about returning to the Mountain Post.

"I'm looking forward to working with all the great people here," Teeple said.

Teeple graduated from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He received his commission as a second lieutenant of Armor through the Wisconsin National Guard State

Officer Candidate School.

His first assignment on active duty, following completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course, was Fort Riley, Kan. There he served as a tank platoon leader, scout platoon leader, battalion personnel officer, company executive officer and, finally, as a tank company commander in the 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor. He also served as aide-de-camp to the commanding general, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

His follow-on assignment include tactical officer at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., operations officer, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; and regiment logistics officer with the 11th ACR in Fulda, Germany.

Teeple then served as chief of assignments for the 1st Personnel Command in Heidelberg, Germany, before returning to the United States. After serving as the armor branch lieutenant colonel's assignments officer in Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va., Teeple assumed com-

mand of the 2nd Squadron, 3rd ACR, here.

Following that command, Teeple served as the operations officer for the 4th Infantry Division before returning to Washington, D.C., to attend the National War College. Prior to returning to Fort Carson, Teeple served as a special assistant to the chief of staff, U.S. Army, Pentagon.

Additional military and civilian education include: a master's degree in educational administration from the University of South Carolina, the Armor Officer Advance Course, the Combined Armed Services Staff School and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Teeple's awards include: the Army Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, with three oak leaf clusters and several professional development ribbons. Teeple is also authorized to wear the Army Parachutist's Badge.

## 43rd ASG soldiers receive new boss

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
14th Public Affairs Detachment

As the fires change with the winds in the summertime, so do commands, and Monday morning saw the start of a new day for the 43rd Area Support Group as responsibility of the unit changed hands.

Col. Sharon R. Duffy took control of the group from Col. Michael E. Ivy with a pass of the unit colors from the sure grip of Maj. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson.

The 43rd ASG is one of the largest commands on post. When Duffy accepted the unit colors from Campbell, she accepted command of five different battalions — the 4th Finance Battalion, 10th Combat Support Hospital, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 68th Corps Support Battalion and the 759th Military Police Battalion.

After handing off command, Ivy said he will miss Fort Carson, and most of all, his soldiers. Ivy left for his next command as the director of combat developments, combat service support, at the Combined Arms Support Command.

Duffy came to Fort Carson from her last assignment as the Transportation Corps branch chief, U.S. Army Total Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va. Originally entering service in 1981, Campbell said Duffy is more than qualified to run the group.

In her remarks to the group, Duffy said it's an honor to be given command of the 43rd ASG and she looks forward to helping soldiers.



Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Soldiers from the 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) march past the reviewing stand during the 43rd Area Support Group change of command ceremony Monday.

## 3rd BCT welcomes new commander

by Spc. Jon Christoffersen  
Mountaineer Staff

Members of 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the Mountain Post gathered June 13 at Pershing Field to welcome a new commander.

The outgoing commander, Col. Christopher Tucker, became the brigade commander in May 2000. The incoming commander, Col. Frederick Rudesheim, came to Fort Carson from Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Rudesheim expressed his excitement and made a pledge to the soldiers of 3rd BCT.

"Soldiers of the Striker Brigade," he said, "I commit myself to ensuring this BCT is ready to fight and win if called upon."

Rudesheim began his military career as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, company executive officer and battalion adjutant in the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, Aschaffenburg, Germany. He next served at Fort Hood, Texas, as the G-4 plans officer and the assistant brigade S-3, 1st Brigade, 2nd Armored Division. Rudesheim then commanded Company A, 2nd Bn., 41st Inf. (Mechanized).

Following command, he served as a tac-

tics instructor and course director for the Infantry Officers Advance Course at the School of the Americas, Fort Benning, Ga. He later was assigned as the ground component command plans officer, Combined Forces Command, Yongsan, Korea. He then served as the Brigade Operations Officer, 1st Brigade., 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea. Returning from Korea, Rudesheim was

assigned as a maneuver observer/controller on Team Bravo of the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Rudesheim then returned to Fort Hood where he was selected to command the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry.

Following command, he became the senior mechanized trainer at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. Most Recently, Rudesheim commanded Operations Group Alpha, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth.

Rudesheim is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Airborne, Ranger and Air Assault Schools, the Command



Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen  
The 3rd Brigade Combat Team flag is exchanged between the outgoing commander, Col. Christopher Tucker, and incoming commander, Col. Frederick Rudesheim, during a change of command ceremony June 13.



Photo by Sgt. Alicia Frost

## Changing hands ...

Lt. Col. Albert Minnion, the new 4th Finance Battalion commander, accepts the colors from Lt. Col. Troy Clay, the former commander, during the change of command at Manhart Field. Minnion's previous assignment was as the Commanding General's Initiative Group.





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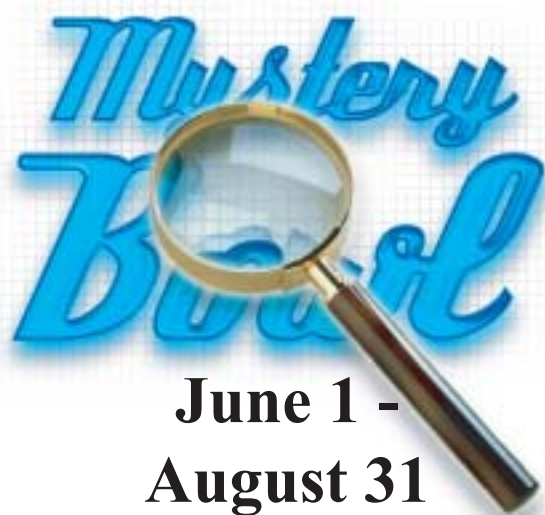
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# Sports & Leisure

## Event of the Week

### Little people take over youth baseball fields

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

One-by-one the 5-to-6 year old warriors arrived at the youth center baseball fields south of the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

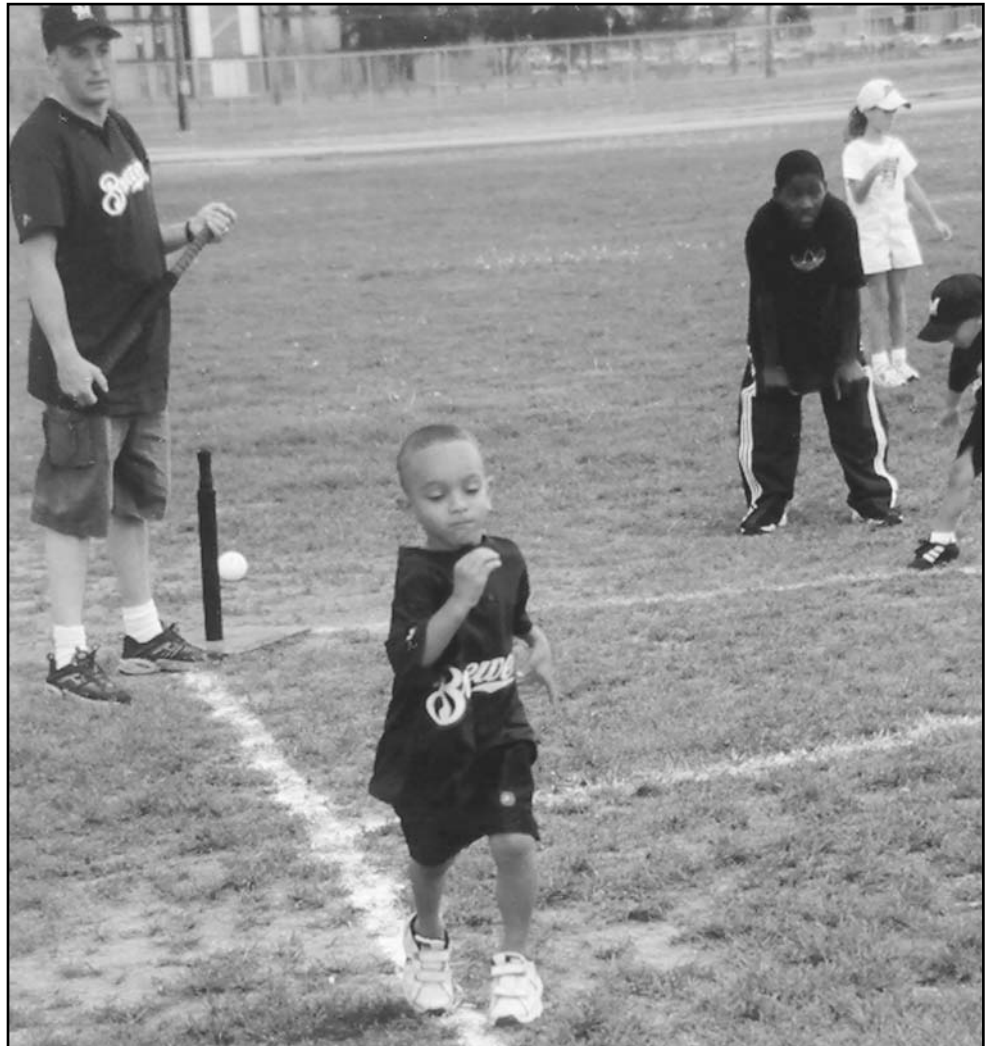
They didn't arrive for the seventh and deciding game of the playoffs. They arrived for the first bit of fun that would continue for the rest of the day, and the children, coaches and parents couldn't have been more excited.

The Bam-Bam League for the youth baseball program is where you will find the game being played at its purest level. The children are at the field to have fun and learn. Parents help the coaches teach the children the finer points of playing the game, and the parents and coaches actually don't care who wins or loses.

Stephanie Myers, youth center assistant sports director, said the youth

center is particularly proud of the Bam-Bam League because of the advantages it give to the young players as they begin to learn the game of baseball.

"In each sport we have, we are particularly happy with our programs that let the 5-to-6 year old children get out and learn about the sport they are playing," Myers said. "You can see how important a program like this is as the children move on to the next levels we have at the youth center. We get a lot of satisfaction from seeing how the young children progress from the age that lets them compete in the Bam-Bam leagues to the more competitive leagues they play in as they grow older. The progression is not only on the baseball field, but we also see how the children grow up off the field as well, and that means we are helping the children grow, which is one of our primary goals here," Myers said.

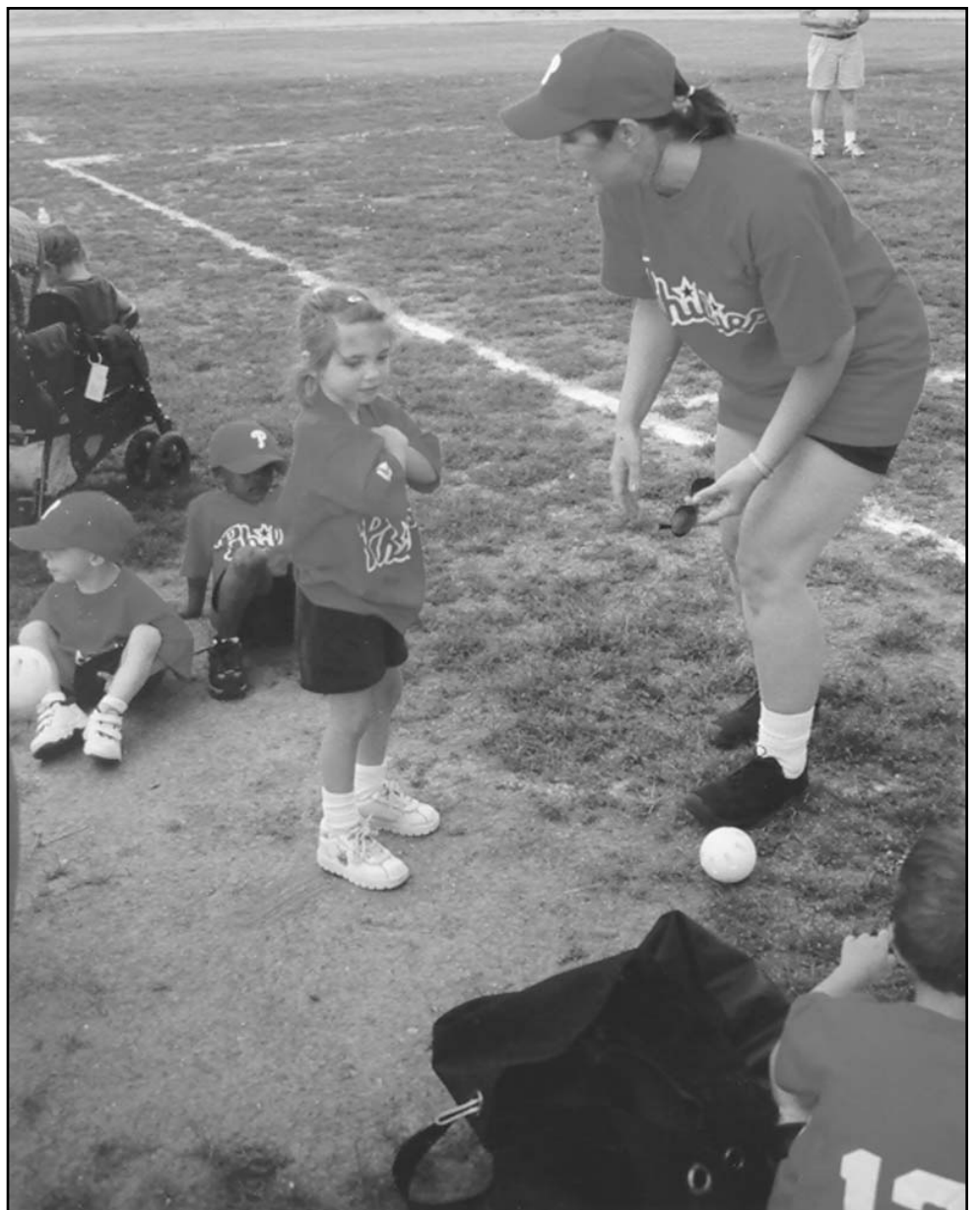


Photos by Walt Johnson

Justin Rone dashes to first base after hitting the ball off the tee during baseball action Saturday.



Regina Ramos, left, shows her son the proper way to tag the base to get runners out.



Phillies coach Laura Sales, right, prepares her team for battle Saturday at the Youth Baseball Complex.



On the Bench

## Sky Sox host former major leaguers legend game Saturday



Johnson

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff  
*Gang, its getting to be the dog days of summer for sporting events. Its kind of in between being important and being too early to be crucial. Well, we'll slug it out with the summer*

*until we get back to championship seasons in softball.*

The Colorado Springs Sky Sox are wrapping up their longest home stand of the year from today through Tuesday.

Today, the Sky Sox will host Tacoma beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Sky Sox begin a four-game series with the Las Vegas team that will end on Tuesday night at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs. Saturday's game will also feature a "legends of Colorado" baseball old-timers game.

The game will feature such former major league players as Rich "Goose" Gossage and the Brown Bombers, a team from Colorado Springs. The legends game will begin at 5:05 p.m. fol-

lowed by the Sky Sox and the Las Vegas 51s at 7:05 p.m.

**The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation "Race for the Cure is Aug. 11."**

This year the race will be run at Falcon Stadium on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Race organizers are looking for "race day" volunteers as well as people interested in serving on committees to help organize the race.

If you would like to volunteer to help in this year's race, contact the Mountain Post's Kristen Bowen at 526-9245 or call the "Race for the Cure" Hotline at (719) 476-1675.

**Now every once in a while the "Old guy" is accused of getting a name of a person or unit wrong, without merit, may I add (smile).**

Now, after doing an internal investigation, an we know how reliable and unbiased those are (wink, wink). I have come to the conclusion that once again the old guy is being held up to ridicule that is not totally valid.

Early in the softball season I correctly named the 5025th Garrison Support Unit in an article I wrote, but



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Hit the tunnel ...*

Members of the 7-to-9 year old Brewers baseball team run through the "parents tunnel" after the team finished its game Saturday morning.

## Bench

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the team insists I did not use the right title to identify the team.

If that wasn't enough, the team also accused me of getting the name of its coach, Michelle Hanner, incorrect. Of course, my position is I got them both correct (wink).

Now I ask my loyal and faithful readers, who do you believe, the team, or your humble servant (smile)?

**So, the hockey season has come to a close, with the Detroit Red Wings (most people say they know the Red Wings as the team that rhymes with Bucks) winning the Stanley Cup.**

To my newest best hockey friend, and a Toronto Maple Leafs fan, may the Leafs, or any other team for that matter, get enough players to wrestle the cup from that "Geritol" gang next season. Actually, even though I don't care for the "Dead Wings" one bit, I do congratulate them for their accomplishment. But even more than that, I congratulate the ex-coach, Scotty Bowman, who retired after winning his ninth Stanley Cup title. That gang represents the most titles ever won in the game of hockey.

**Speaking of winning the most**

**titles ever, did anyone notice the Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson is one championship away from winning the most NBA titles?**

Again, I am no fan of the Lakers, and I hope someone kicks their tails next year, but that would be some accomplishment if Jackson were to win his 10th title. Think about the great coaches that have been in this game and consider a lot of them don't have one championship. But, we get ahead of ourselves.

**My good friend, Tom Behling, tells me "that other team in Texas (the Dallas Cowboys)" is considering getting a new stadium.**

Normally, I could care less what "South America's team" does, but this was so newsworthy I thought I would bring it to you. Rumor has it the Cowboys are going to get a new field because the grass has been removed (you figure out why) and the chalk lines (you can figure that one out too) are gone. Sounds like a good reason to get a new field to me (smile).

**The annual Army-Air Force softball challenge is July 13 at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs.**

The women's team will be going for its third straight win while the men's team tries to snap a two game losing streak.



Photo by Walt Johnson

## *Mom, explain that again ...*

**Keshia Curnan, left, goes over the rules of the game with her son Jason Keenon during the Brewers match Saturday at the post youth center baseball field.**



## ***Mountaineer Sports Spotlight***

### ***Supporting the cause ...***

Jimi Burgess, left, Company B, 64th Forward Support Battalion, gets a hot dog and chips from Susan Green, center, and Angela Oakley, both of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Family Readiness Group. The group will be at the Mountain Post Sports Complex this summer selling refreshments to support the 3rd ACR group's family activities.



Photo by Walt Johnson

# Veteran players from 5025th focused on

by **Walt Johnson**  
**Mountaineer staff**

Don't expect to go to a game involving the 5025th Garrison Support Unit and see a team with visions of being the best team in the Mountain Post Softball League.

The team is filled with veterans who have certainly seen their best softball playing days but are far from being washed up and over the hill.

Monday night the 5025th lost a close game to the 59th Quartermasters 7-6 on a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The 5025th came into the bottom of the seventh inning tied with its opponent but quickly saw the Quartermasters get runners on first and third base with no one out. At this point the team decided to walk another

batter to load the bases. The next Quartermaster batter then lifted the sacrifice fly to left, securing the win.

After losing a heartbreaker like that, most teams would have been throwing around equipment and using language not fit for the tender eyes of *Mountaineer* readers. But true to its motto, as told by Rick Keist, "we're a bunch of old men playing against these young guys, but we're here to have fun." The team shook off the loss and looks forward to the next game.

One thing this team will not do is worry about one game or one loss this season stopping them from their appointed goal of having fun in the game at hand, according to John Fandrey.

"We're not playing the past, we are not playing the future, we are playing the present," Fandrey said.

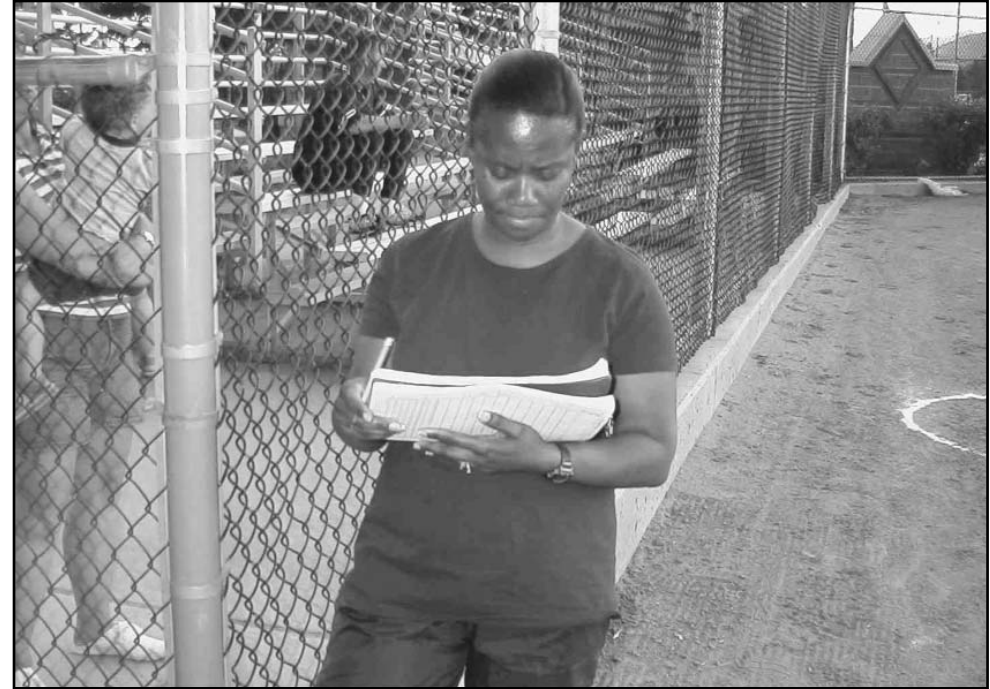


Photo by Walt Johnson

**Michelle Hanner, 5025th Garrison Support Unit coach, looks over her lineup during game action Monday.**



# Water sports, fishing, swimming available at Lake Pueblo State Park

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff



Several boats and ski jets leave wakes in the water at Lake Pueblo. The water level is lower this year than normal. The water usually covers the white layer against the dam, at right.

**C**olorado is a long way from an ocean. There's some fishing available on Fort Carson and limited boating, fishing and swimming allowed at Prospect Lake in Colorado Springs' Memorial Park, but it's still a drive to find a large lake for boating. The closest big body of water is Lake Pueblo State Park, also called Pueblo Reservoir, about 50 miles down the road. It's one of the state's top attractions with two million visitors each year.

This is an unusual year in Colorado, as hot dry weather conditions, coupled with low snowfall in the winter and below normal rainfall this year, water recreation sports have been seriously impacted.

Fire restrictions are in effect throughout Colorado. Open fires are banned, both charcoal and wood in state parks and national forests. Stoves available at Fort Carson Outdoor Recreation Complex do comply with state park fire restrictions at the Pueblo park.

Last year Pueblo Lake suffered



Lake Pueblo is especially popular for water skiing and inboard ski boats.

unusually low water levels near the end of the summer.

Water levels are low again this year, but the state park has attracted many campers, motor boats, skiers and sailboats.

Although the Arkansas River was important in the founding of Fort Pueblo in the 1860s, when a trading post was established at the junction of the Arkansas and Fountain Creek, there was no nearby lake.

In 1921 the Arkansas River flooded, almost destroying the town of Pueblo in the process. The Arkansas was later diverted from running through downtown.

The Fryingpan/Arkansas project came about in the '60s and '70s.

This project dammed the river and created Pueblo Lake. The completed project provides practical applications — flood control, irrigation water for the Arkansas Valley farmland and the city of Pueblo. The lake is also used for recreation.

Pueblo State Park was opened to the public in 1975 and is part of the Colorado State Parks system.

Displays about the Fryingpan/Arkansas project are in the visitor center near the Southshore Marina. Other exhibits depict wild life, terrain, fossils and fish found locally. A good view of the lake is available from the terrace, and restrooms are available in the building. A ranger is on duty from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to answer questions. Brochures and maps of state parks and area attractions are available.

The lake now provides conservation of fish and wildlife, and is used for recreation. Water sports such as skiing, boating, sailing and fishing are



A temperature of 102 degrees June 8 brings people to the swim beach in Lake Pueblo State Park, a popular place for swimming, tubing and sunning. A giant water slide is one of the attractions.

# Hot Pueblo Swimming



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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## Lake

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popular at the lake and several campgrounds are available. Terrain in Lake Pueblo State Park varies. Limestone cliffs circle the shore line. The silhouette of the Sangre Cristo mountains serve as background to the west. Flat land is on another side, with an occasional small rock butte jutting above the horizon.

The park has 9,000 acres of land and 5,000 acres of water, so there’s usually plenty of room for various types of recreation in the park. The 11-mile long lake has 60 miles of shoreline.

Lake Pueblo’s water is quite warm and ideal for water skiing and inboard ski boats. Wind conditions create excellent sailboating and wind surfing.

Boaters at Lake Pueblo must comply with Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations. Copies of the rules are available at the park. There is no extra “boating” fee.

Lake Pueblo has excellent fishing, according to park volunteer Jack McCaw. Channel catfish, sunfish, crappie, walleye, bass, trout and wiper are in the lake. A valid Colorado fishing license is required for anyone older than 15 who wants to fish at Lake Pueblo. A license can be purchased at the park.

Or, you can just picnic at one of the 376 picnic sites which are for use only during the daytime. No camping is allowed. The picnic sites have tables.

Lake Pueblo’s elevation is 4,900 feet, and the mild climate lengthens the summer recreation period — usually from March to October. The park is open all year.

An entry fee is required to enter the park. A daily pass is \$5, and is good from noon one day until noon the next day. The daily pass can be purchased from the attendant at the park’s entrance or from a self-serve dispenser nearby. An annual pass is \$50 and gets you entry into any of the 40 state parks in Colorado for the rest of the year.

The park also has other attractions, such as hiking trails and biking paths.

The Arkansas Point Trail leads to bluffs on the park’s south side. The Pueblo River Trail is linked with the city of Pueblo and is used by hikers, horseback riders or bicyclists.

Near the popular lake there are 400 campsites with electricity and water, paved camping pads, tables, and sun/rain shelters. Nearby are flush restrooms, laundry and showers.

Another 100 campsites have the standard paved pad, table, shade, restrooms and water —



Some camping sites at Lake Pueblo have a view of the water.



The giant water slide at the Rock Canyon Swim Beach costs \$9.95 for a day’s unlimited rides.



A family cools off at the water’s edge while taking a break from ski boating at Lake Pueblo.

but no electricity.

Camping permits must be purchased and displayed, and are \$14 to \$16 per night for a full service site, and \$10 to \$12 for those without electricity.

One campground can accommodate a group of 17 people. Call (800) 678-2267 or (719) 547-3880 for information about camping or to reserve a space. Camping is available from April through September, but reservations are advised for summer camping as the spaces are usually filled quickly during the day.

Although the park is open every day of the year, only the primitive camping sites are available in winter.

Sometimes the terrain around the lake tends to be muddy or rocky, especially with the low water conditions as this year.

But another part of the park has a sandy beach — the popular Rock Canyon swim area. The beach allows walk-in access to the water, yet only a few feet away people catch a few rays on the manicured grass. A giant water slide, paddle boats and swim tubes increase the fun to be had in the nine acres of river water. Use of the swim beach

costs \$1 per person; children under six swim for free. A vehicle park pass is also required to access the swim area.

The swim beach is open from 11 a.m. each day until 7 p.m. during the summer. Life guards are on duty.

Visitors can rent paddle boats, bumper boats, single or double tubes and rafts at the swim beach. The giant water slide costs \$9.95 for an unlimited pass. Or buy a super pass for \$3 more, which includes use of water slide and paddle boats. Tents for large groups are also rented.

A variety of snack and soft drinks are available at the swim beach area.

To reach Lake Pueblo State Park, drive Interstate 25 to Pueblo, taking the Highway 50 West exit. Continue for four miles, turning south onto Pueblo Boulevard, then about four more miles to Thatcher Avenue. Turn west on Thatcher and follow signs to the state park entrance — about six miles.

### Just the Facts

- **Travel time** One hour
- **For ages** Families
- **Type** Lake
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$

\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

\$\$\$ = \$41 to \$80

(Based on a family of four)





## North Pole

**Celebrate Christmas in June** and get a \$4 discount by turning in a Coca Cola product can at Santa's Workshop at the North Pole. The North Pole is just off the Pikes Peak Highway, near Cascade.

## Cripple Creek concerts

**Summer concerts** have been set for the Gold Rush Palladium in Cripple Creek. "BeatleMania Live" is Tuesday at 4 p.m.; "The Temptations Review" is July 4 at 7 p.m.; "Freddy Fender" is July 21 at 3 p.m., "Jennifer Lane Band" is Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.; "Molly Hatchet" is Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. and "The Platters" are in concert Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com), or call (719) 689-2646 for tickets.

## Buskerfest

**The popular Downtown Denver International Buskerfest** is today and Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the 16th Street Mall and features street performers and food. Call (303) 478-7878 for more information. Entrance is free.

## Renaissance Festival

The annual **Colorado Renaissance Festival** runs weekends near Larkspur, between Colorado Springs and Castle Rock, at Exit 172, Interstate 25. The festival is Saturdays and Sundays only, until July 28, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Entrance is \$14.95 for adults, \$7 for children 5 to 12. Call (303) 688-6010 for information.

## Indian-Spanish market

The annual **Indian-Spanish Market** starts today at the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. Events begin with a concert by Bill Miller today at 7 p.m. and entrance is \$18. Fest activities are in the sculpture garden and courtyard from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Traditional foods are available throughout the weekend, as are fine arts, dancing and artistic exhibitions. Entrance is \$5 and \$6. Call 634-5583 for more information.

## Westfest

**Michael Martin Murphey brings his**

**"Westfest"** to Colorado Springs again June 27 to 30. Some events are at the Penrose Equestrian Center and musical events are on the grounds of the Pikes Peak Center. Murphey headlines the entertainment, which includes Red Steagall, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Chely Wright, Cowboy Nation and Hot Club of Cowtown. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090 for tickets.

## Old-fashioned Fourth

An old-fashioned patriotic Independence Day celebration, **"A Family Fourth"** is July 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rock Ledge Ranch. Families participate in carnival games, a scavenger hunt and horsehoes, and hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address. The Fountain Creek Brass Band entertains. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks may be purchased. The admission of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6 to 12 will be waived for military families with ID. Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site is entered at the Garden of the Gods entrance off 30th Street.

## Colorado State Fair

The **concert lineup** for the Colorado State Fair includes Lifehouse, Aug. 17; Chris LeDoux, Aug. 17; Carrot Top, Aug. 18; Charlies Daniels Band Aug. 18; Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Aug. 22; Michelle Branch, Aug. 24; Rocking Roadhouse Tour, Aug. 24; Frankie Valli, Aug. 25; Toby Keith, Aug. 26; The Statler Brothers, Aug. 28; Poison, Aug. 29; Kenny Chesney, Aug. 30; and The Three Amigos, Sept. 1. Ticket prices range from \$11 to a high of \$31. The concerts are at the Events Center or in the Grandstand at the Colorado State Fair Grounds in Pueblo. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

## New "theater" at Pepsi Center

**"CityLights Pavillion"** is a temporary theater in the parking lot at Denver's Pepsi Center. Kenny Rogers performs June 29; Meat Loaf, July 2; James Brown, July 3; Randy Travis, July 24; Marc Anthony, Aug. 12; Natalie Cole, Aug. 15; Burt Bacharach, Aug. 16 and The Beach Boys, Aug. 18. Tickets are at Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

## Open cockpit day

**Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum holds "open cockpit day"** at the museum located at the Pueblo Memorial Airport June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open cockpit will be the F-80 Shooting Star, the first jet fighter used during the Korean War. Admission is \$4 for anyone older than 12. The muse-

um is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

## Moonlight ride

**Enjoy an evening horseback ride around Turkey Creek Ranch** and a steak dinner with all the trimmings. The ride and dinner costs \$35 and is Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 526-3905 for reservations and information. Turkey Creek Ranch is 10 miles south of the main gate on Highway 115.

## Cheyenne Frontier Days

**Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming** are July 19 to 28. Known as the "Daddy of 'em All," there are parades, pancake breakfasts, nine rodeos and big name entertainment, such as Nickelback, The Guess Who, Steppenwolf, Vince Gill, Kenny Chesney, Tracy Byrd, Huey Lewis, Doobie Brothers, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Travis Tritt. The Air Force Thunderbirds put on a show and there's a carnival. It's one big party. Call (800) 22-RODEO or go online at [www.cfdrodeo.com](http://www.cfdrodeo.com) for more information.

## Hill Climb

Next to the Indianapolis 500, the **Pikes Peak International Hill Climb** is the nation's second oldest car race. It was started in 1916 by Spencer Penrose. Stock cars, sports cars and diesel trucks race up Pikes Peak and fans spend the night on the mountain to watch it. Call 685-4400 for ticket information.

## Donkey Derby Days

**The annual fest in Cripple Creek** features races, a parade, vendors and music, June 28 to 30. For information call 689-3461.

## Clayfest and Mud Ball

**The annual Manitou Springs Clayfest** is in Soda Springs Park June 29. Clay-throwing demonstrations and lessons are among the activities in the park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is free. A "Mud Ball" is a family dance in the community building at 515 Manitou Ave. Music is provided by Mamma Jamma Blues Band, 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$2. Call 685-1861 for information.

## Peter Pan

The musical stage play, **"Peter Pan,"** is presented by the Fine Arts Center's Youth Repertory Theatre Workshop July 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m., at 30 W. Dale St. Tickets are \$10 at 634-5583.

# Happenings



Photo by Nel Lampe

## *Cooling fountain ...*

**Children enjoy "Uncle Wilber's Fountain" in Acacia Park in downtown Colorado Springs. The animated fountain activates each hour, beginning at 11 a.m., in summer.**



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to June 28.

Mountain Post Magazine: stories on soldiers, civilians and family members of the Mountain Post. Airls at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on DA photos on-line, Operation New Horizons and training in Kuwait (repeat). Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the Battle of Midway 60th anniversary, Operation Cobra Gold and Operation Clean Sweep. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on CV-22 and Joint Strike Fighter testing and laser eye surgery (repeat). Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

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If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at

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